

DECLASS REVIEW by NIMA/DOD

20 JULY 1960

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STATINTL SUBJECT: CONTRACT No. [REDACTED]
STATINTL MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT No. 17

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SCHEDULE A, ARTICLE 2, ITEM 5 OF THE SUBJECT CONTRACT, WE HEREWITH SUBMIT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT No. 17. THIS REPORT COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 9 JUNE 1960 TO 9 JULY 1960 ON THE DESIGN AND FABRICATION OF THREE (3) NADIR DETERMINATION DEVICES (GIANT).

ALL PARTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR UNIT No. 2, WHICH IS THE SPECIAL GIANT THAT WAS MODIFIED TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE RECOMP II COMPUTER. THE SERVO DRIVE MECHANISMS WERE A WEEK LATE IN BEING DELIVERED TO US AND SOME MODIFICATION IS NECESSARY TO ADOPT THEM TO THE GIANT, BUT EVERY EFFORT IS BEING APPLIED TO SHIP ON THE LAST OF JULY 1960. HOWEVER, AT MOST IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SHOULD THERE BE A DELAY, IT WILL NOT EXCEED ONE WEEK, WHICH PUTS THE SHIPPING DATE ON THE 8TH OF AUGUST. WE ARE STILL OVERCOMING PROBLEMS THAT HAVE ARISEN DUE TO THE DISCONTINUITY OF THIS PROGRAM, SUCH AS THE ONE MENTIONED ABOVE; ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO AVOID THIS, THE HUMAN FACTOR IS HARD TO COPE WITH. THE MAJORITY OF PROBLEMS ARE OF MINOR CONSEQUENCE, BUT THE SCHEDULING OF PERSONNEL ON AND OFF OF A PROJECT ALWAYS PRODUCES ERRORS THAT CANNOT BE ANTICIPATED.

WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD THAT ONE OF THE OPERATORS FOR GIANT No. 2 WILL BE HERE FOR TRAINING ON THE 28 AND 29 OF JULY. THIS SHOULD BE EXCELLENT TIMING, AS THE MACHINE WILL BE ENTERING ITS CHECKOUT PERIOD AND THE OPERATOR CAN OBSERVE SOME OF THE MAJOR FUNCTIONS, AS WELL AS BECOME THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE CONTROLS. SHOULD THE USER OF GIANT No. 3 DESIRE TO SEND OPERATORS IN FOR TRAINING OR A REFRESHER COURSE, WE SUGGEST THIS BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE WEEK OF 15 AUGUST 1960.



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WE EXPECT TO DELIVER GIANT No. 3 DURING THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST 1960, AND THIS SHOULD COMPLETE THE CONTRACT. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT AT LEAST ONE MORE PROGRESS REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED COVERING THE 9 JULY TO 9 AUGUST PERIOD, AND THEN A FINAL REPORT TO CONCLUDE THE PROJECT.

SHOULD THERE BE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DESIRED, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US.

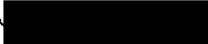
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